

Indo-Chinese Trade

2935. **SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:**
SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the visit of the Chinese Prime Minister to India, the scope for raising Indo-Chinese trade have improved;

(b) if so, the extent to which the trade between India and China have improved;

(c) the details of agreements reached in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to further improve the trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The period is too short to assess the progress in this regard.

(c) and (d). During the recent meeting of India-China Joint Group on Economic Cooperation, Trade Science and Technology held in New Delhi on 12-13 December, 1991, the following areas of Economic Cooperation were identified:

- (i) To explore the possibilities for establishment of joint ventures.
- (ii) To explore possibility of bilateral cooperation in iron ore mining, railway sector, communication, aviation, waste conservancy, construction, iron and steel processing.
- (iii) To participate in tenders for proj-

ects to be financed by World Bank, by World Bank, ADB or other international financial institutions in either country.

(iv) To explore the possibility of jointly participating in third country projects.

(v) To explore the possibility of export of constancy services from India.

(vi) The items of export and import interest for either country were identified and included in the trade protocol for the calendar year 1992.

(vii) A memorandum for resumption of border trade with China was also signed on 13.12.91.

[Translation]**Return of Goans Gold Jewellery by Portugal**

2936. **SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:**
 Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gold jewellery of Goans held in Portuguese banks has since been returned fully;

(b) if not, the value of jewellery which is still in Portuguese custody;

(c) whether the interest for the period for which the gold jewellery of Goans remained with Portugal was also paid by them;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to claim the interest?